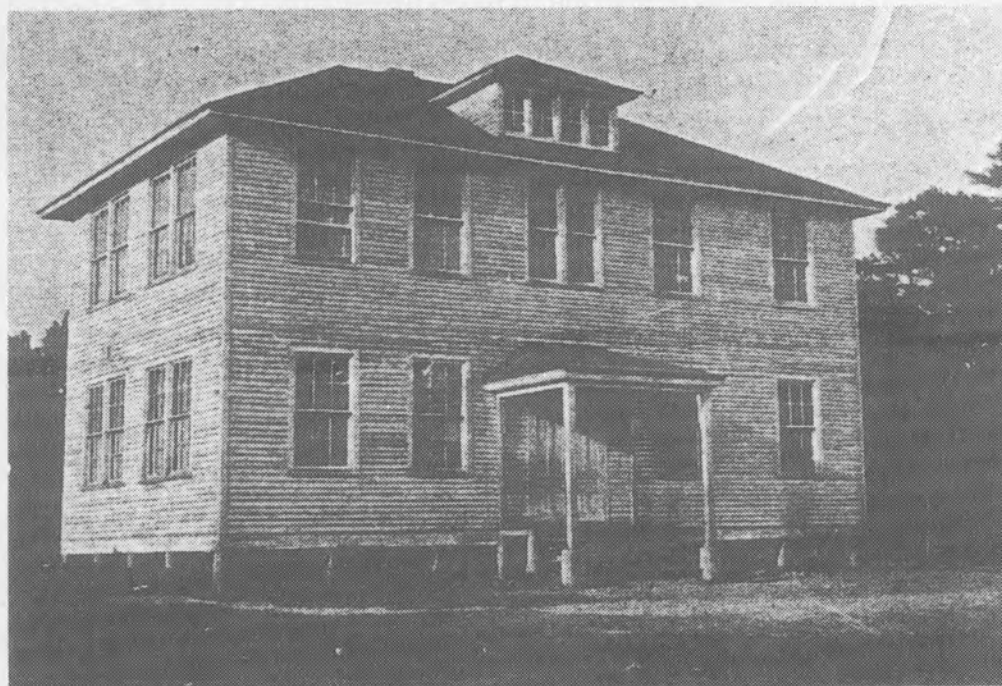


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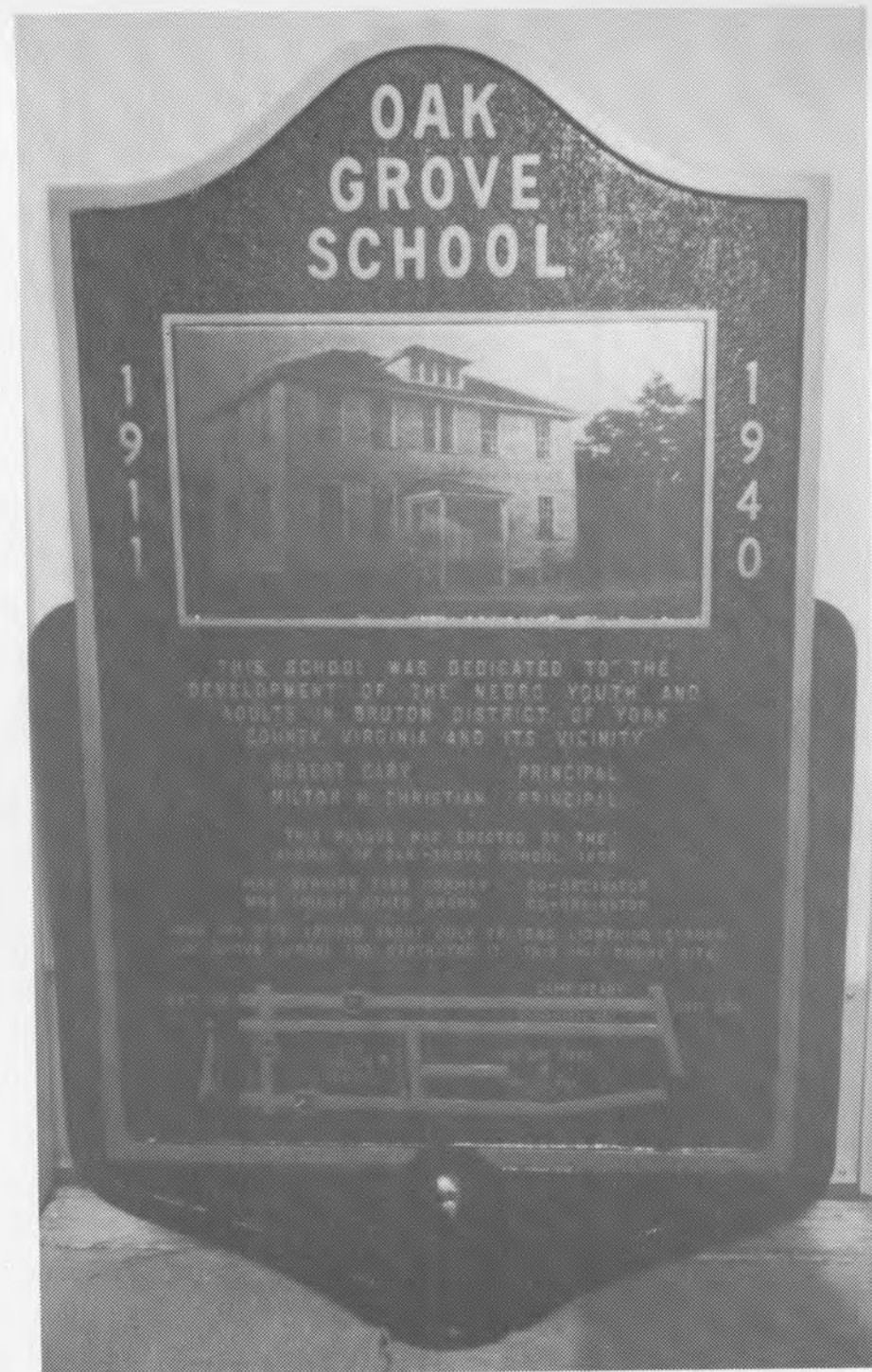


1911 ~ 1940

“Leaving The Past, Living The Present
Entering Into The Future”

(School Motto)

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The Beginning of York County Public Schools for Blacks

Early Years of Black public school in York County Virginia. History of public schools in York County records are few covering the year 1791 to 1870, as most were burned or destroyed in the Civil War. Records indicate that 15 schools were being operated in the County during the years from 1924-25. Five of the schools with 16 classrooms served the White students while 10 of the schools with 25 classrooms served the Black students. Class size varied from a high of 74 students in a grade, 1 to 4 situation at Oak Grove School.

In 1933 all schools operated for only 160 day session. Finally in 1936 was to be 180 day sessions for all schools. The State of Virginia made the decision for uniformity.

Attendance record show all kinds of grouping with the larger numbers in the early elementary grades and fewer and fewer students in the upper grades.

When Oak Grove School closed June 1940 there were 189 students in attendance including all grades.

OAK GROVE SCHOOL HISTORY WAS PROVIDED BY YORK COUNTY LIBRARY

The monthly meeting of the library was well attended and usually the students presented a program of recitation and group dance. The one hour recess for lunch and play was very popular as it seemed to provide so much time to play. Some students who live nearby went home for lunch. With an outdoor pump available for a drink of water students learned to fold and keep handy their paper cup when needed.

Vocational and home-made economic instruction, agriculture was provided weekly for the older boys and girls by two living teachers. Teachers in name a few: Mr. Dorothy Smith Watkins, Mr. John Connor, and Mr. James Allen. Vocational teachers also taught the adults at night.

OAK GROVE SCHOOL, YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1911 - 1940

Close to the site of the present Bruton High School stood the two story, white frame school known as Oak Grove School. Upstairs, offered an addition about 1925, it had two classrooms and a small office, with three classrooms and an auditorium upstairs. A large bell hung in the steeple on the roof and the principal rang it by the rope in the small office upstairs.

Prior to electricity coming into that part of the County, the school had gas lamps on the walls and large pot-belly stoves in various rooms. Both were cared for by the older male students. A bucket of water was kept on top of the stove to aid in heating the room and in case of needs.

School was always open regardless of the weather and all students walked until the 1930 period when bus service became available for some communities. In the interest of walking, try the distance from Barlow Corner, Ewell's' Stations, Magruder, Waller Mill Road or Carter's Neck, another name for Mt. Pilgrim, to the present Bruton High School. A. Wooden Bridge came across Waller Mill pond, walking through the woods, crossing fields, following wagon trails that provided a much shorter route for those going to school.

In the morning, all students gathered outside form the pledge of allegiance to the flag with Bible reading and singing, completing the devotion period in the various classrooms.

The monthly meeting of the League of the PTA was well attended and usually the students presented a program of recitation and group dances. The one hour recess for lunch and play was very popular as it seemed to provide so much time to play, some students who live nearby went home for lunch. With an outdoor pump available for a drink of water, students learned to fold and keep handy their paper cup when needed.

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In the 1930 period two big events told out in the life of the students. One was the 6 a.m. departure on the bus to Washington, D.C. The bus had a wooden bench down each side with a back to back bench down the middle with the entry to the bus in the center rear. After a day of touring, the return home that night climaxed a big day.

The second big event was the annual May Day. Usually this was combined with another school. There were all kinds of races, games, wrapping the may pole, hop scotch, pop the whip, jump rope, ballgames, dance and refreshments. Several visiting bands came from other schools and military stations. It was a very big day for the community.

Near the end July 1940 the Oak Grove School was struck by lightning and destroyed. The school merged with the New Bruton Heights School. Which is located in the City of Williamsburg.

Do you remember? Oak Grove Alumni Remembers

- The year Oak Grove School was built in 1911.
- School's first superintendent was: Mrs. Grace Drake.
- School's first principal was Miss Frye
- School's first grade teacher was Mrs. Luberta Nonton
- How many students in each classroom 14.
- Attended in the early years was 64.
- Two grades in each classroom 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th, 7th and 8th, 9th.
- How did students get to school? (Walked until 1930)
Rode school bus after 1930.
- How long did it take to walk to school? (1 ½ hour)
- How many miles did you walk to school? (Three to five miles)
- Some students lived two blocks from the school. The restrooms were outside in a wooden building marked "girls & boys" no water to wash hands.
- Water was provided by a pump on the left side of the school. I remember all of the Tabbs went home for lunch because they lived about two blocks from the school.
- We remember the candies - Mary Janes, Tootsie rolls, 2 for 1cents. Mr. Goodbars, Baby Ruths, Paydays' Oh Henry's and Butterfingers were 5 cents each. All candies were sold by the principal.

These are some of the teachers that taught at Oak Grove School

Lift Every Voice and Sing

First Principal was Miss Frye from Gloucester
 Mr. Robert Carey
 Mr. Milton Christian
 John Cannon – Voc Agriculture
 James Allen – Voc Agriculture
 Mrs. Dorothy Smith Watkins – Voc teacher
 Mrs. Evelyn Paige Patrick – Voc Teacher
 Musisett Robinson White
 Bessie Carter
 Cora Hundley Allen
 Helen Wilkinson
 Flossie Brooks
 Luberta Norton
 Grace Drake
 May Carter
 Geraldine Booker Redcross
 Alma Palmer Wallace – substitute
 Christine Wallace Pierce – substitute
 Maria Cooke Scott – substitute
 June Eda Wright
 John Spencer
 Bertha Atkins Jefferson
 Elvin Parker Wales
 Sara Wallace – substitute
 Miss Rowland
 Miss Jones
 Mrs. Barrow
 Mrs. Joy



OUR FLAG

*I pledge allegiance
to the Flag of the
United States of
America and to
the Republic for
which it stands.
One Nation under
God, indivisible,
with Liberty and
Justice for all.*

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing
'Til earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of
Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the
rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us,
sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our
new day begun

Let us march on till victory is
won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope
unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which
our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that
with tears have been watered,

We have come, treading our
path through the blood of the
slaughtered.

Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last

Where the gleam of our bright
star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears.
Thou who has brought us thus
far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we
pray.

Lest our feet stray from the
places;

Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the
wine of the word, we forget Thee,
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

The Village Blacksmith

Week in, week out, from morn till night,
You can hear his bellows blow;
You can hear him swing his heavy sledge
With measured beat and slow,
Like a sexton ringing the village bell,
When the evening sun is low.

And children coming home from school
Look in at the open door;
They love to see the flaming forge,
And hear the bellows roar,
And catch the burning sparks that fly
Like chaff from a threshing-floor.

He goes on Sunday to the church,
And sits among his boys;
He hears the parson pray and preach,
He hears his daughter's voice,
Singing in the village choir,
And it makes his heart rejoice.

It sounds to him like her mother's voice,
Singing in Paradise!
He needs must think of her once more,
How in the grave she lies;
And with his hard, rough hand he wipes
A tear out of his eyes.

Toiling,—rejoicing,—sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes;
Each morning sees some task begin,
Each evening sees it close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose.

Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend,
For the lesson thou hast taught!
Thus at the flaming forge of life
Our fortunes must be wrought;
Thus on its sounding anvil shaped
Each burning deed and thought!

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow [1807-1882]

You Can Make A Difference

Whether you are low or high
Surely you can make a try
Whether you are slave or prince
You can make a difference

What does it take to do the deed
That is needed to succeed
To Take a stand when others doubt
And never let your feelings out

Can you face crisis with a smile?
And then show patience all the while?
Can you laugh before you cried
In spite of all the hurt inside?

Can you make other's pain your own?
Showing how your strength has grown?
Positive about their plight
While leading them into the light

Your leadership can right each wrong
Even though the road seems long
Your sense of hope when all seems lost
Maintains their faith at any cost

There is so much that you could be
If only you could truly see
The benefits that life can give
And seek a better way to live

My highest hope for those that can
Is that one day you'll take your stand
For principles you can defend
And fight for them until the end

That you will follow up your dream
No matter what or how extreme
That you will take time out for fun
And find you place within the sun

But most of all I hope you pray
That happy times will come your way
Before the stress and strain and strife
Bring cloudy skies into your life

You've been confined for much too long
But you have managed to stay strong
And through it all you can begin
To show the world that God's your friend!

by Kelly E. Miller

Dorothy S. Watkins
Teacher, Home Economics



"Don't give up; your miracle is on the way."

Words, on a plaque given to Mrs. Watkins, by Oral Roberts in 1981

Words on this plaque Mrs. Watkins cherish along with her accomplishments as a home economics teacher in the York County School system.

Mrs. Watkins came to Oak Grove School in the (30's) thirties to teach the 8th & 9th grades one day a week. She also taught the adults in the community that same night. She stayed with the Tabb family to relax and have dinner before returning to Oak Grove to teach the adults.

Dorothy Smith Watkins is a Virginia Native of King & Queen County. She was educated in the Rappahannock Industrial Academy, Virginia State College, she subsequently went to the College of William & Mary, and Hampton University in pursuit of a graduate degree. When she retired in 1976, she had taught at Oak Grove School, York County Training School, James Weldon Johnson (now Yorktown Intermediate School) and York High School, all of which are in York County. She is with us today and she lives in Carver Gardens, Williamsburg, Virginia.

I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
Psalm 40: 1

Oak Grove School Alumni salutes teacher
Mrs. Dorothy Smith Watkins

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Oldest Living Students

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Cornelia Williams

Living Teachers

Mrs. Geraldine Booker Redcross

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(Late) John Smith Palmer was the
first black

Born in Jamestown and also an
OakGrove School Alumnus

(Late) Charlie Boy Jackson was an
outstanding baseball player (pitcher)
for the Magruder Black Socks and was
also an Oak Grove Alumnus.

Longest Married Couples

William & Estelle Wallace

January 20, 1937

Garnett & Jean Palmer

January 17, 1934



Two students stand in front of the
Oak Grove School
in the late 38's for dress up day.

Lucille Washington Mankins
Lucille lives in Williamsburg in the Grove Community

LeRoy Tabb
LeRoy lives in North Hills, Pennsylvania

*All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made the glowing colors
He made the tiny wings.*

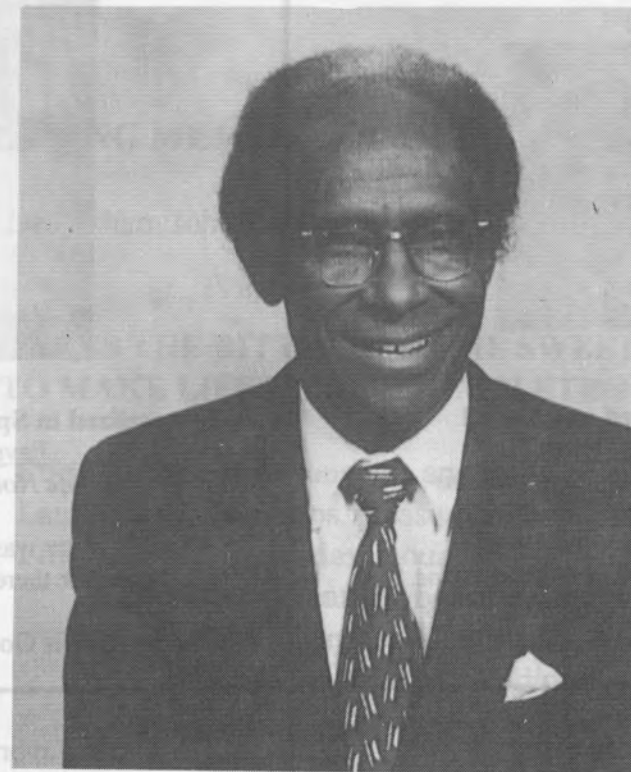
*The purple headed mountains
The river running by
The morning and the sunset
That lighted up the sky.*

*The tall trees in the green woods
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruit in the gardens
He made them EVERY ONE.*



*He gave us eye to see them
And lips that we may tell
How great is God almighty
Who has made all things well.*

In Loving Memory of



Reverend J.B. Tabb, Sr.
and all deceased Oak Grove School Alumni.

Rev. J. B. Tabb, Sr. - His dream was to organize the Oak Grove School Alumni to place this commemorative plaque.

— We the Alumni, Place this Plaque in his Memory —

God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

~ Oak Grove School Alumni - 1999 ~

Precious Memories of the Jones Alumni Family

My Beloved Mother
Marie Jones Wallace
 March 16, 1918 — September 9, 1993



Greatly Missed and Loved
Favorite Hymn:
What A Friend We Have In Jesus
Favorite Book: *The Bible*
One of Her Favorite Verses:
"If Gods for me - who can be against me. . ."
 Supt. of Mt. Pilgrim Sunday School - 38 years
Daughter: Ethel Wallace Hill

Her Favorite Brother
Clarence Vernell Jones
 February, 1917 — July 6, 1996



Funeralized in Springfield, Massachusetts
Favorite Hymn:
Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Saviour
 "O never a star was lost; here we all aspire to
 heaven & there is heaven - above us.
 The mystery is God's, The promise is yours.

Her Favorite Sister
Ruby Jones Pack
 June 5, 1915 — February 1, 1997
 (majority of life, New York City)



Favorite Hymn:
Jesus Loves Me This I Know
 "...And when the journey finally ends, we claim
 our great reward and find our everlasting peace
 together with the Lord."
"GOD IS LOVE"

Our Favorite Niece/Cousin
Janet Odell Jones Thomas
 January 30, 1929 — January 5, 1995



Favorite Hymn:
Everyday Is Thanksgiving
 "Live not in yesterdays, look back and you may
 sorrow, live precisely for today, look forward to
 tomorrow."
Husband: Joe Thomas
Goddughter: Bettye M. Walker



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS

Dea. Isham Johnson, and Susie V. Johnson

IT TAKES THE BITTER AND THE SWEET TO MAKE LIFE FULL & COMPLETE

Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain
 Laughter and teardrops, pleasure and pain - -
 Low tides and high tides, mountains & plains
 Triumphs, defeats & losses and gains - -
 But always in All ways
 God's guiding and leading
 And he along knows the things we're most
 needing - -
 And when He sends sorrow
 our some dreaded affliction
 Be assured that it comes with God's kind
 benediction - -
 And if we accept it as a Gift of his love
 We'll be showered with blessing from our
 Father above.

LOVINGLY

Reverend Floyd Hailey Johnson
 and
 Daniel Edward Johnson





**In Loving Memory of
Our Brothers & Sisters**

Sanford Johnson
James Wilbert Johnson
Beulah J. Wallace
Magurtha Lively
and
Bertha Taylor.

*Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:
Old things are passed away: behold all things are become
new.*

2 Cor. 5: 17

All who believe in God's mercy and grace
will meet their loved ones face to face
Where time is endless and joy unbroken and
only the words of love are spoken.

Helen Steiner Rice

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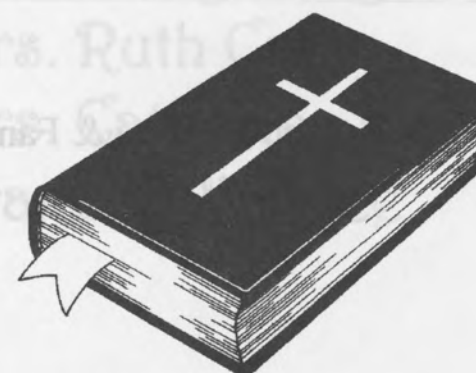
Rev. Isham Johnson, Jr.
and
Suzanne Washington

***In Memory of my Sisters and Brothers
who attended Oak Grove School***

Estelle Robinson
Christine Pierce
Thomas Wallace
Ernest Wallace
Ella Mae Judkins
Jeanette Wallace
Alton Wallace

To Honor My Sister and Brother

Irene Wallace
James Wallace



*Sister
Elizabeth Edwards*

Congratulations to Oak Grove Alumni

In honor of:

Mrs. Alma Wallace



In memory of:

Dea. William Thomas Wallace

Mr. & Mrs. Eli Canady



Mr. & Mrs. Roland Wallace & Family



Alma Luvinia A. Wallace was a fantastic mother. She was a spirit filled soul and made sure that her six children received religious education by attending church services and Sunday school.

Through her guidance, we all have attained successful lives. Our mother lived daily by one of her favorite scriptures, *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*

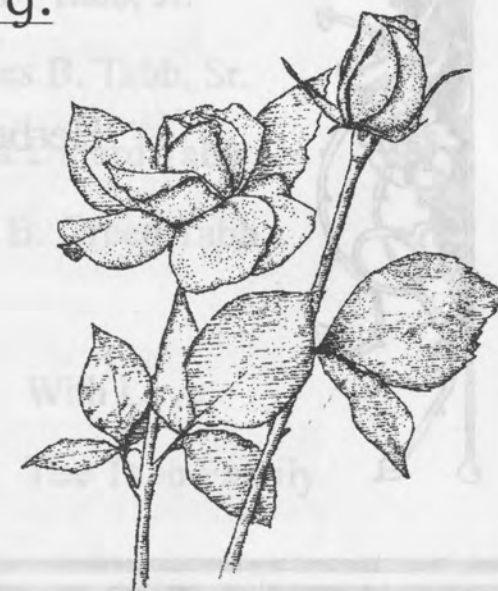
There is nothing like a mother's love, which we all miss deeply.

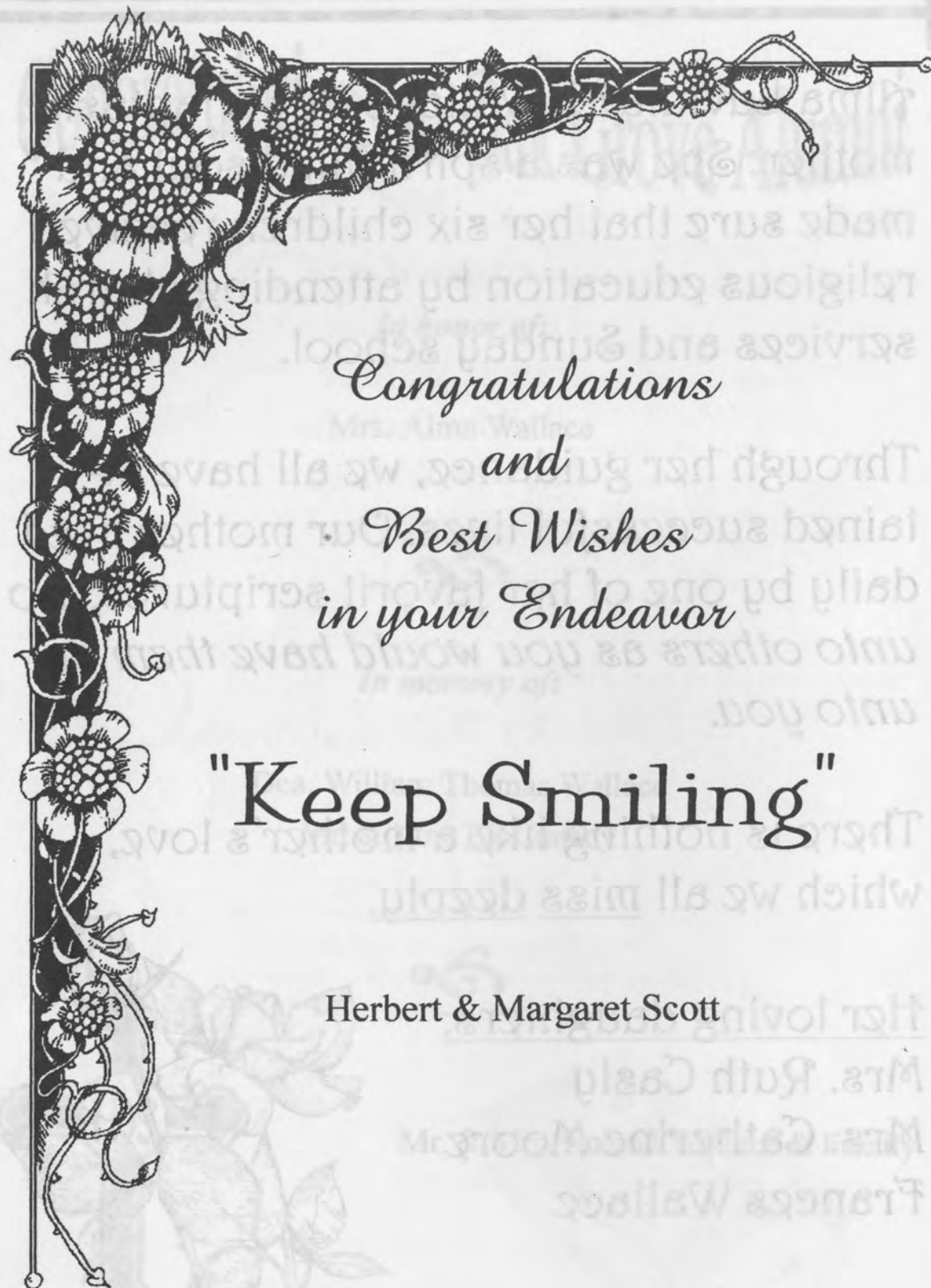
Her loving daughters:

Mrs. Ruth Casly

Mrs. Catherine Moore

Frances Wallace





*Congratulations
and
Best Wishes
in your Endeavor*

"Keep Smiling"

Herbert & Margaret Scott

Congratulations to Oak Grove Alumni

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES

*We ask God's blessing upon all as we go forth,
spreading our lives before him. We pray that we
may continuously walk in the light that made so
clear by those who have gone before us in this quest.*

Deacon George E. B. Tabb, Sr.

Mother Mary A. Parker Tabb

Brother George E. B. Tabb, Jr.

Brother Reverend James B. Tabb, Sr.

Daughter-in-Law Edna Dillard Tabb

Daughter-in-Law Edna B. Green Tabb

With Love,

The Tabb Family

IN Loving Memory

of

My Immediate Deceased Family

Mrs. Bertha Taylor — Wife

Mrs. Mattie E. Taylor — Mother

Reverend Zebedee Taylor, Sr. — Father

Mrs. Mattie Wallace — Sister

Mrs. Dora Dandridge — Sister

Mrs. Alivira Simms — Sister

Mr. Zebedee Taylor, Jr. — Brother

Mr. Horace Taylor — Brother

Mr. Webster Taylor — Brother

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Dea. Calvin Taylor
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Deacon Harold Brown, Sr.
Carol L. Brown

Deacon & Deaconess
Ezekiel & Cynthia Jones

We rejoice for the labors of those who have
preceded us. It is because
of their sacrifices and
valiant efforts that we enjoy
privileges and opportunities
that they never experienced.



Lovingly
Louise Jones Brown &
Family

Congratulations to Oak Grove Alumni

In Loving Memory of my deceased family:

Parents, Henry Vaughn, Martha C. Vaughn, Mary Bartlett, Dorothy Perkins, Bertha Vaughn, Charlotte V. Jones and Dorothy Higgins.

by Rhoda Brown

In Loving Memory of:

Our deceased husband, Parents, Sisters and Brothers, Brother-in-Law, Ira A. Brown, Sr., Mr. Theophilous Vaughn, Mrs. Lillie B. Vaughn, Mrs. Thelma V. Pressey, Mrs. Maurice V. Russell, Mr. Earl Davis Vaughn and Mr. Thomas Pressey.

by Roberta V. Brown

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Parents: Mr. Hobart Bartlett & Mary V. Bartlett

Son: Lloyd Bartlett

Grands: Richard Lee, Jr., Lonnie Lee, Debrah Bartlett and Grayland Bartlett

Uncles: Fletcher Bartlett and Viviana Bartlett

Aunts: Rosetta B. Wallace and Virgie B. Strong

Dear God, we know you still speak to us. Help us to be still and know what you are trying to tell us.

And He said My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Exodus 33:14

The Family

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*In memory of my dear Aunt Cora who was sister of my
Mother, Eliza Hundly Dixon and her husband Professor
James Allen. We remember them with love and gratitude
for their dedicated work in the Oak Grove
School and York County School System.*



Ruth Dixon Jack

**In Memory of Our Uncle
Reverend Robert Henry Cary
July 27, 1870 ~ March 29, 1953**

*"All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall
bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and
talk of thy power, to make known to the sons of man his mighty
acts, and the glorious majesty of His Kingdom."*

Psalms 145: 10-12

Nieces
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*With Love,
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Congratulations

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Best Wishes

From the Officers and Members,

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may
see your good works, and glorify your Father
which is in heaven.*

Matthew 5: 16

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The Family

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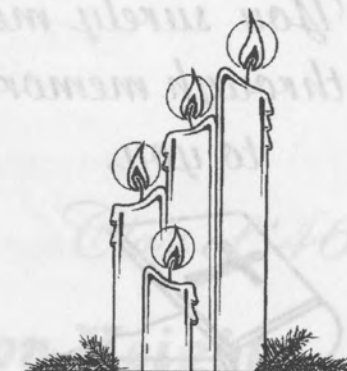


**Congratulations on Honoring the
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In Memory of my Parents

**Lewis and Amelia Palmer
who resided in Bruton District of York County
many years.**

Edward Brian Palmer, Son



**In Honor of my Mother,
Mrs. Lucy Palmer Leigh**

**In Memory of my Father,
William Lewis Palmer**

both Oak Grove School Alumni

your loving Son, William Palmer, Jr.

Long Live Oak Grove School Alumni



*Everlasting Memories of
Rufus Edwards*

*You surely made warm memories to hold a lifetime
through memories that will always keep near and dear
to you.*



*Your Wife, Elizabeth Edwards
and
The Edwards Family*



*In Honor of our
Aunt and Great Aunt,
Elizabeth Edwards*

*Iris, Connie, Olp I
Kailah*



The Class of '46 of Bruton High School

Salute the Oak Grove School Alumni

Class of '46

Bruton Heights

*In Loving Memory of
My Husband
Willie (Boy) Jones*

*from his Wife,
Elnora Jones*



*Best Wishes
and
Congratulations
to the
Oak Grove School Alumni*

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In Loving Memory of our Family Members.
Gone but not forgotten.

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God's Speed Oak Grove School Alumni

*In Loving Memory
of
Elizabeth Wallace Hall*

A loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Who we all deeply miss.

*Just to know you have found rest
and one day we will meet again
is another promise of God we all
shall be together in the end.*



Lovingly missed,

Husband, children and grandchildren.

Compliments from the

Allen's Family

To an organization continuing to strive for the advancement of all.

God Bless Oak Grove School Alumni



We salute
the Oak Grove School Alumni and
our Mother, Mrs. Ethelyn Springs,
an Oak Grove School Alumnus.

May the God of hope fill you with a joy and peace
in believing that you may abound in hope.

Romans 15: 13

Reverend Otis H. Smith
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In Loving Memory Of

Kym Lackland Morton
January 22, 1932

Clifford Celesta McCloud
December 12, 1991

the children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lackland.

Nothing could be more beautiful than memories we have of you.

To us you are so special, God must have thought so too.

All of our lives, we will miss you though the years may come and go.

But in our hearts you will live forever, because we love you so.

Love Always,

Pop Sam, Mother Mercedes
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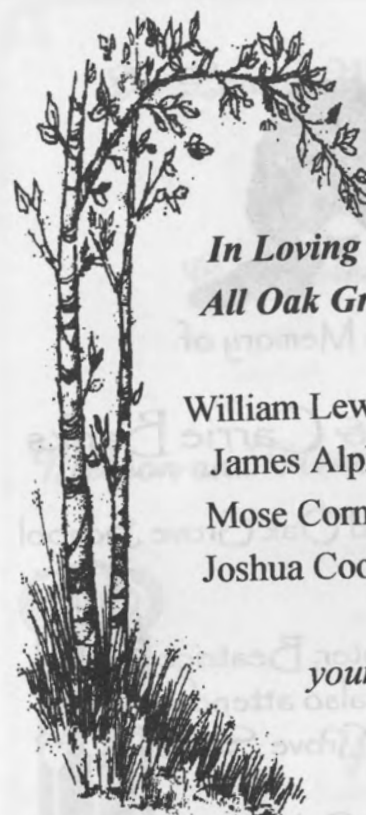
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*In Loving Memory of
All Oak Grove Alumni*

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*your Sister Ethelyn
Alumnus*

*In Memoriam of my
Mother*

*Hazel Carter Ford,
an alumnus.*

*God Couldn't be every-
where so He made mothers.*

Dolores Ford Glass

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Memory*

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

*Congratulations
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*In Memory of our Father
Alton L. Wallace*

*Ernestine, Alverne, Carolyn
Jackie, Lewis & Stanley*

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from Daughter, Beatrice Bailey,
who also attended
Oak Grove School
God Bless Oak Grove School
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Our Mothers*

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In
Memory
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and**

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and

Granddaughter: Nina and Angelia Johnson

It is He who hold's the future,

It is He who rules the Land.

It is He who determines our destiny.

It is He who hold's our hand.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God is forever working blessings in the lives of His people.

Congratulations on your accomplishment of writing the history of the Old Oak Grove School

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$200.00 to help meet your goals for the purchase of the booklets and the Commemorative Plaque at the site of the old Oak Grove School.

There is much to be said for these accomplishments, and there's no better time to do this than during Black History Month.

Again, congratulation! We look forward to sharing this experience with you.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Eugene Robinson, Chairman

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Brother Gregory Banks,
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February 27, 1999

Dear Alumni: God's Speed,

Do not deceive yourselves. If anyone of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "Fool" so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness, in God's sight.

I Corinthians 3: 18-19

"Keep Smiling knowing that you can always count on God".

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William and Estelle celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in November 1992. The celebration was held in the Virginia Room at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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Oak Grove School until now...

The 60th Anniversary celebration was presented by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandson.



William & Estelle 1992

Remember Oak Grove

By Tracy Blevins

WILLIAMSBURG—All that remains of Oak Grove School are the foundation footings, faded pictures, and the memories of students who learned reading, arithmetic and agriculture there.

Before Bruton Heights School, black children in grades 1-9 attended Oak Grove, across Airport Road from what is now Waller Mill Park. Older students went to the James City Training School near the old colonial gaol.

Built in 1911, Oak Grove was a two-story, four-room schoolhouse that was later expanded to seven rooms — each with a potbellied stove in the center and gas lamps around the walls. At the end, 189 students from surrounding homes were being taught there when the school closed in June 1940.

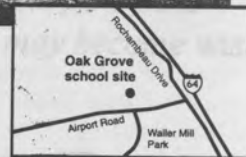
As part of Black History Month, Oak Grove School alumni will erect a plaque next week at Waller Mill Park. As the city celebrates the 300th, classmates consider Oak Grove a piece of the past that must not be forgotten.

"There are a lot of people who don't remember Oak Grove School," said

Black History Month



Oak Grove School (above) educated black children in Williamsburg for 40 years. Calvin Taylor and Bernice Tabb Dorman (above right) discovered the only remnants of the school last summer — footings hidden in the woods off Airport Road.



alumnus Oliver Tabb. He, Calvin Taylor, Estelle Wallace and Ethelyn Springs have spent a year researching the school.

The only physical remains are brick footings in the woods across from the park. A month after the school closed, it was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Tabb, then 10 years old, vividly remembers that day.

"When it happened, we were all kids at

home," he recalled.

"Our parents told us to sit in the floor or under a chair until the storm was over. We had to be very quiet. We heard a crash of lightning, but we were too scared to move. After the rain stopped, my brother and I went outside and saw smoke

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and fire in the direction of the school. We went to see what was burning, and it was the school. I told my brother we were lucky to have a school to go to in the fall, or we wouldn't have a school at all."

Until Oak Grove closed, many children had to walk there from Barlow Corner, Ewell Station, Magruder and Cooktown Road. A wooden bridge across Waller Mill Pond and shortcuts through the woods reduced the distance.

By the 1930s, some students were able to ride a school bus.

Any trace of the Oak Grove community is gone now. The federal government bought the land when it built Camp Peary, then later sold it to the City of Williamsburg for the reservoir and subsequent park.

In the morning at Oak Grove, students answered the sound of the school bell and gathered at the front of the school for the Pledge of Allegiance. A Bible reading and singing in classrooms were commonplace.

Students had an hour for lunch and recess, allowing some to rush home for lunch. An outdoor pump provided water for refreshment, and many students kept folded paper cups handy.

Once a week, older students were instructed in home economics, agriculture and vocational skills. Among the teachers were



Milton Christian (left) was a former principal and teacher. John Cannon taught agriculture.

Dorothy Smith Watkins, John Connor and James Allen. Watkins will speak during the dedication next week.

Parents were largely involved in the League of PTA, where students typically presented a program to recite poems or passages or performed group dances.

Among the activities, May Day was a big event. Oak Grove joined with another school for a day of races, games and wrapping of the Maypole. School and military bands usually performed for the events. Next week, the music will be reprised, along with the memories.

Want to go? Oak Grove School's plaque dedication ceremony starts at 1 p.m. next Saturday, Feb. 27, at Waller Mill Park on Airport Road. In case of rain, the event will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church, 529 Waller Mill Rd.



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Estelle & William Wallace

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